

I am writing in regards to the national "Do Not Call" rule, as reported by our local newspaper. I live in Indiana, which has one of the more stringent "Do Not Call" laws in the U.S. I understand that the ruling by the FCC may be less stringent, and therefore, less effective, than our laws. By pre-empting our law, you may be giving telemarketers carte blanc to start calling again. If simply telling telemarketers, "Put me on your do not call list," actually worked, then we wouldn't require "Do Not Call" laws as we have in Indiana in order to block intrusive telemarketing phone calls. It is my belief that your ruling should be, at the very least, as strict as the strictest state law currently on record. That is the only way that we can keep the intrusions at a minimum. Anything else may be a laughable ghost that telemarketing companies will gladly thumb their noses at. And, if it is less stringent, then the states must be allowed to enforce their own individual laws. After all, power rightly belongs at the local levels because they understand their own situations better than a federal government.

Thank you for your time, and I truly hope that the proposed ruling will continue to suppress the invasive telemarketing phone calls as effectively as ours has. And, if I may make a proposal, I'd like for the FCC ruling to have reviews (at the very least semi-annually) to monitor the effectiveness of this Do Not Call ruling. Thank you for your time.